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Note by the Secretary-General

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I. PROPOSED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE
SESSION OF 1998 OF THE COUNCIL AND LIST OF
DOCUMENTS FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

High-level segment

2. Market access: developments since the Uruguay Round, implications, opportunities and challenges, in particular for the developing countries and the least developed among them, in the context of globalization and liberalization

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1997/319)

World Economic and Social Survey, 1998

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:

- (a) Advancement of women: implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular, capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1997/319)

- (b) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 50/120, 52/203 and 52/205 and Council resolutions 1996/42 and 1997/59)¹

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the draft revised Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Assembly resolution 52/205)

¹ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

- (c) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund (Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, and Council resolution 1997/59)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, and Council resolution 1997/59)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (Assembly resolution 50/8 and Council resolution 1997/59)

Coordination segment

4. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: Coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1997/319)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (Assembly resolution 46/182, annex, and Council decision 1997/218)¹

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

Oral report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (Assembly resolution 52/101)

General segment

6. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on ways to enhance the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (Council resolution 1997/61)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1997 coordination segment of the Council on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Assembly resolution 45/264)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1997 coordination segment of the Council on freshwater, including clean and safe water supply and sanitation (Assembly resolution 45/264)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions:

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-eighth session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997

(b) Malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (Council resolution 1995/63)

(c) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-eighth session

(d) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 1997/1)

(e) Proclamation of an international year of mountains

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 1997/45)

(f) International Year for the Culture of Peace, 2000

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Council resolution 1997/47)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1997/322)

Questions to be addressed

Review of the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of the Council's functional commissions and expert groups and bodies (Assembly resolution 52/12 B)

General review of the regional commissions (Assembly resolution 52/12 B)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) and Assembly resolution 52/170)¹

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 1997/66)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 1997/66 and Assembly resolution 52/73)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1997

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1997

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 1998

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1997

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1997/67 and Assembly resolution 52/207¹

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/296)

Question to be addressed

Enlargement of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolution 1997/57)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Relevant sections of the document prepared by the Secretariat containing a consolidation of conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies (Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, para. 68)

(a) Sustainable development

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its sixth session (Council decision 1993/207 and resolution 1997/63)

Question for consideration

Guidelines for sustainable consumption patterns (Council resolution 1997/53)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1997/53 on consumer protection

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-second session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI))

Report of the Secretary-General on a vulnerability index for small island developing States (Assembly resolution 51/183)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (Assembly resolution 39/229)¹

(b) Natural resources

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its fourth session (Council decisions 1992/218 and 1993/302)

(c) Energy

Report of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on its third session (Council decision 1992/218)

(d) International cooperation in tax matters

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV))

(e) Public administration and finance

Report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 50/225)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fourteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council resolution 1199 (XLII) and decision 1997/222)

(f) Cartography

Report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Council decision 1997/213)

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(g) Population and development

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-first session (Council decision 1997/220)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Relevant sections of the document prepared by the Secretariat containing a consolidation of conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies (Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, para.68)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)¹

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-second session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and decision 1997/229)

Question to be addressed

High-level plenary review to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Beijing Platform for Action

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the revised system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 (Council resolution 1996/34)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 52/100)¹

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-sixth session (Council resolutions 10 (II) and 1996/7 and decision 1997/230)

Question to be addressed

Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (Assembly resolution 52/25)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its seventh session (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1997/232)

Questions to be addressed

Final recommendations of the Commission on the programme for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Assembly resolution 52/91)

Follow-up to the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime (Assembly resolution 52/85)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice acting as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the fight against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities (Council resolution 1996/17 and decisions 1997/234 and 1997/239)

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-first session (Council resolution 9 (I) and decision 1997/233)

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

Report of the Secretary-General on the biennial update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (Assembly resolution 48/112, sect. IV)¹

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolutions 49/146 and 52/111)

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-fourth session (Assembly resolutions 52/97 and 52/98)

Questions to be addressed

Protection and promotion of the rights and welfare of women migrant workers (Assembly resolution 52/97)

Trafficking in women and girls (Assembly resolution 52/98)

Right to development (Assembly resolution 52/136)

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)¹

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (Assembly resolution 48/121)¹

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Assembly resolution 48/141)¹

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

II. QUESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF
THE COUNCIL FOR 1999 AND LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR EACH
AGENDA ITEM²

Substantive session of 1999

A. High-level segment

[Item/items to be selected]*

World Economic and Social Survey, 1999

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for
international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development
cooperation

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Report of the Secretary-General

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme
and the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund
and the World Food Programme

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development
Programme and the United Nations Population Fund (Assembly
resolution 48/162, annex, and Council resolution 1995/51)

* In resolution 52/190, the Assembly invited the Council to consider
devoting one high-level segment before the year 2001 to human settlements and
the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

In resolutions 50/203 and 52/100, the Assembly also invited the Council to
consider devoting, before the year 2000, one high-level segment to the
implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

In resolution 52/86, the Assembly invited the Council to consider including
the question of violence against women at the high-level segment of one of its
forthcoming sessions, in the context of its discussion on the human rights of
women.

² It is expected that the following list of questions will be revised in
the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work
for 1998.

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Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund
(Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (Assembly
resolution 50/8 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical
Cooperation among Developing Countries¹

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and
other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

[Theme/themes to be selected]*

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of humanitarian
emergency assistance of the United Nations (Assembly resolution 46/182,
annex)¹

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti,
Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/4)

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United
Nations conferences and summits

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the 1998 agreed
conclusions of the Council (Assembly resolution 45/264)

Report of the Secretary-General on ways to enhance the integrated and
coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations
conferences and summits (Council resolution 1997/61)

Overall review of the theme of poverty eradication (Council
resolution 1997/60)

* In resolution 50/203, the General Assembly invited the Council to
consider devoting, before the year 2000, one coordination segment to the
implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-ninth session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1998

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-ninth session

Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (Council resolution 1997/52)

Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for the biennium 2000-2001

Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of conference services by the Economic and Social Council

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))¹

Regional cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 1997/48)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Non-governmental organizations

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Relevant sections of the document prepared by the Secretariat containing a consolidation of conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies (Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, para. 68)

Sustainable development

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its seventh session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-third session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI))

Science and technology for development

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourth session (Council decisions 1992/218, 1997/305 and 1997/306)

Statistics

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirtieth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and decision 1997/219)

Human settlements

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its seventeenth session (Assembly resolutions 32/162, 43/181 and 52/190)¹

Environment

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twentieth session (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))¹

Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 52/195)¹

Transport of dangerous goods

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods during the biennium

1997-1998 and on the implementation of Council resolution 1997/3
(Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII) and 1983/7)

Desertification and drought

Report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII)
and 50/114 and Council resolution 1978/37)¹

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 44/236,
annex)¹

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter
of Economic Rights and Duties of States (article 34 of the Charter)¹

Population and development

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-
second session (Assembly resolution 49/128, para. 25, and Council
decision 1995/209)

Social and human rights questions

Relevant sections of the document prepared by the Secretariat containing a
consolidation of conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies
(Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, para. 68)

Advancement of women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against
Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
Discrimination against Women)¹

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-third
session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and
Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council
resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome
of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Assembly resolutions 50/203
and 52/100)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly
resolution 52/93 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural
areas¹

Social development

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-seventh session (Council resolutions 10 (II) and 1996/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on effective ways and means for achieving the goal of education for all (Assembly resolution 52/84)¹

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1997/232)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution 52/86 on crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women¹

Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-second session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolutions 49/146 and 52/111)

Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Mid-point review by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly of the results of the activities for the Decade (General Assembly resolution 50/157)

Human rights

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)¹

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)¹

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-fifth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Assembly resolution 48/141)¹

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